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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:	Patent Application of Rita Koester, <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 1751
Appln. No.:	09/831,432	: :
Filed:	July 30, 2001	: Examiner: Necholus Ogden, Jr. :
For:	MACHINE DISHWASHING RINSE AGENTS AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME	: Confirmation No.: 4209 : : Attorney Docket : No.: H 3540 PCT/US :

**AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2004 ("the Office Action"), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition for a three-month extension of time, up to and including December 27, 2004 (December 25, 2004 being a Saturday), including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response. Remarks begin on page 8 of this response. No additional claims fees are necessitated by the amendments made herein.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner of all pending claims, in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the instant application, without prejudice, as follows.